

## "A New Perspective For The New Year" Compliments of "Rabbi Moshe" December 2014



As we enter the New Year let's take a moment to reflect on the past and learn for the future. Sometimes people come into our lives and we know right away that they were meant to be there, to serve some sort of purpose, teach us a lesson, or to help us figure out who we are or who we want to become. We never know who these people may be (possibly our neighbor, coworker, long lost friend, lover, or even a complete stranger), but when we lock eyes with them, we know at that very moment they will affect our lives in some profound way.

Sometimes things happen to us that may seem horrible, painful, and unfair at first, but in reflection we find that without overcoming these obstacles we would have never realized our full potential, strength, willpower, or heart. Everything happens for a reason. Nothing happens by chance or by means of good luck. Illness, injury, love, lost moments of true greatness, and sheer stupidity all occur to test the limits of our soul. Without these small tests, whatever they may be, life would be like a smoothly paved, straight, flat road to nowhere. It would be safe and comfortable, but dull and utterly pointless.

The people we meet who affect our lives, and the success and downfalls we experience, help to create who we are and who we become. Even the bad experiences can be learned from. In fact, they are probably the most poignant and important ones. If someone hurts us, betrays us, or breaks our heart, let's forgive them, for they have helped us learn about trust and the importance of being cautious when we open our hearts. If someone loves us, love them back unconditionally, not only because they love us, but because in a way, they are teaching us to love and how to open our hearts and eyes to things. Make every day count. Let's appreciate every moment and take from those moments, everything that we possibly can for we may never be able to experience it again. Let's talk to people that we have never spoken to before, and actually listen. Hold your head and chin up because you have every right to. Tell yourself you are a great individual and believe in yourself, for if you don't believe in yourself, it will be hard for others to believe in you. You can make of your life anything you wish. Create your own life and then go out and live it with absolutely no regrets. Most important.....If you love someone tell him or her, for you never know what tomorrow may have in store. Remember, learn a lesson from what life teaches you each day that you live a better tomorrow. And most of all remember the most important rule, "You can't turn the clock back and make a new beginning, but we can all start today and make a better ending!" The following story kind of helps put it all in the right perspective.....

"A Rose For Mom" A man stopped at a flower shop to order some flowers to be wired to his mother who lived two hundred miles away. As he got out of his car he noticed a young girl sitting on the curb sobbing. He asked her what was wrong and she replied, "I wanted to buy a red rose for my mother but I only have seventy-five cents, and a rose costs two dollars." The man smiled and said, "Come on in with me, I'll buy you a rose." He bought the little girl her rose and ordered his own mother's flowers. As they were leaving he offered the girl a ride home. She said, "Yes, please! you can take me to my mother." She directed him to a cemetery, where she placed the rose on a freshly dug grave.

The man returned to the flower shop, cancelled the wire order, picked up a bouquet and drove the two hundred miles to his mother's house. (Way to go !!!!!!!) End of story.....No comments necessary...

Thanks to each of you for helping make our world a better place to live by your actions and deeds. Our City is most grateful to you for your daily sacrifices. Seasons Greetings, a very Happy New Year to you, you families and your loved ones. May 2015 be one of your best years yet!! A short "New Years Blessings" to you and your loved ones.....

May the coming year bring you get a clean bill of health from your dentist, your cardiologist, your gastroenterologist, your urologist, your proctologist, your podiatrist, your psychiatrist, your plumber and the IRS. May your hair, your teeth, your face-lift, your abs and your stocks not fall.

May your blood pressure, your triglycerides, your cholesterol, your white blood count and your mortgage interest, not rise. May you wake up on January 1st, finding that the world has not come to an end, the lights work, the water faucets flow, and the sky has not fallen. May what you see in the mirror delight you and what others see in you delight them.

May someone love you enough to forgive your faults, be blind to your blemishes, and may the world appreciate your virtues.

May the telemarketers wait to make their sales calls until you finish dinner. May your checkbook and your budget balance, and be enough to include generous amounts for charity. May you remember to say "I love you" at least once a day to your significant other, your spouse, your child and your parent.

And finally, may you fill your world with love even more than you have in the past and never let a day pass without sharing a good laugh.....

On behalf of ALL the Chaplains May G-d bless you, keep you safe and always keep you in his loving care.

Amen.

Should you ever need a shoulder to lean on, want company for a ride-along, or have some good humor to share, don't hesitate to give us a call or drop us a line.

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